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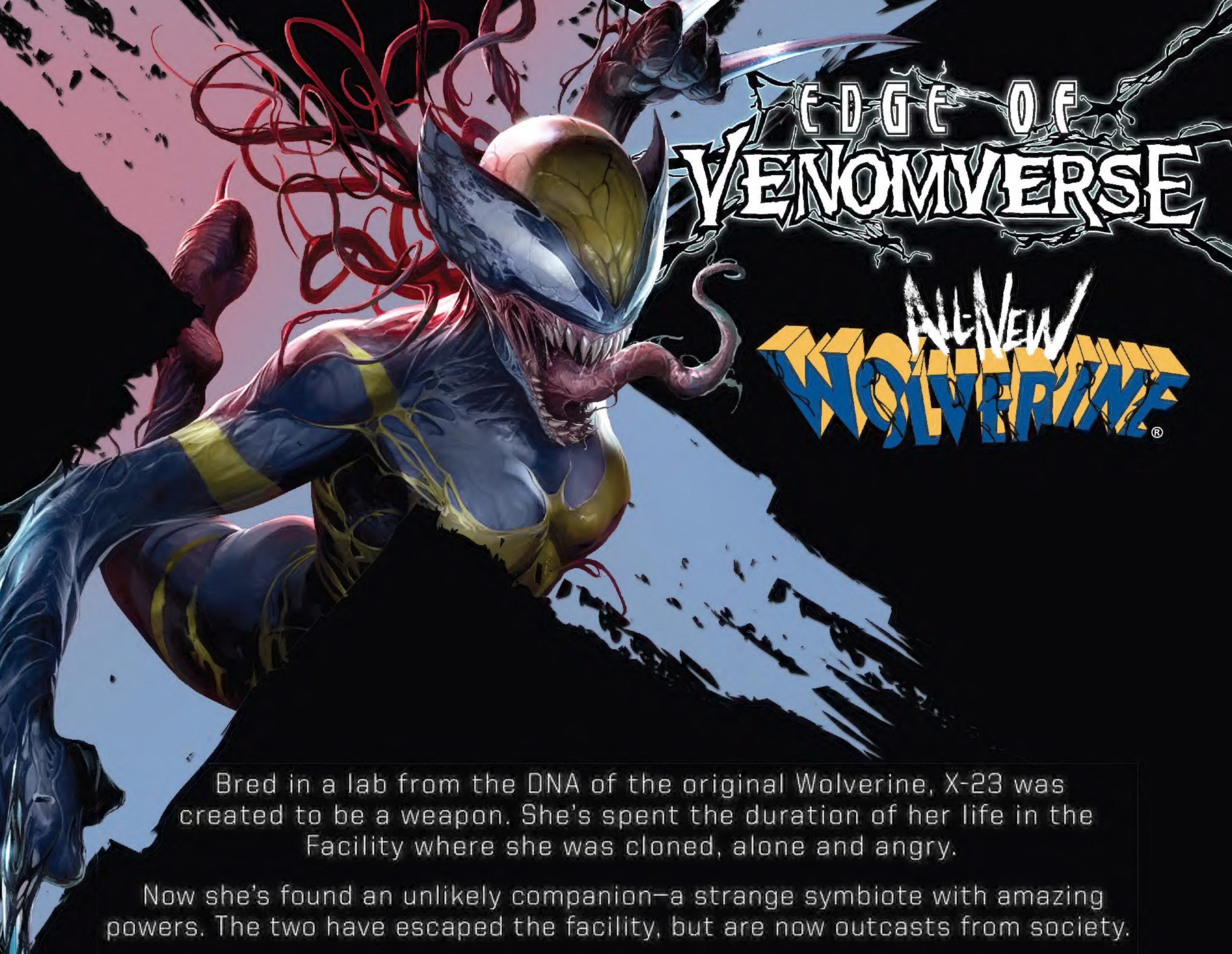

Bred in a lab from the DNA of the original Wolverine, X-23 was created to be a weapon. She's spent the duration of her life in the Facility where she was cloned, alone and angry.

Now she's found an unlikely companion—a strange symbiote with amazing powers. The two have escaped the facility, but are now outcasts from society.

They are... VENOM.

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THIS IS MY FIFTH TIME.

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THE FIRST TIME THEY TALKED ME INTO COMING BACK.

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THE SECOND TIME I GOT LOST.

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THE THIRD TIME THEY JUST SHOT ME.

-2

-1

DING

SNIKT

LAST TIME THEY USED SOME SORT OF GAS TO STOP ME.

AWOO AWOO AWOO

COME GET SOME, YOU MONSTER!

THIS TIME THEY WON'T STOP ME.

CODE BLACK! REPEAT-- CODE BLACK!

THESE MEN... THEY MADE ME. THEY MADE ME THIS.

X-23 HAS BROKEN CONTAINMENT.

I DON'T WANT TO BE THIS ANYMORE. I DON'T WANT TO BE THEIR WEAPON. BUT I KNOW THEY'LL NEVER LET ME LEAVE THIS PLACE.

THIS IS NOT A DRILL.

I'VE LIVED MY WHOLE LIFE HERE. I'M WILLING TO DIE TRYING NOT TO DIE HERE.

SNIFF SNIFF

NOT AGAIN!

I CAN'T GO BACK.

STILL NO VISUAL ON EXPERIMENT X-23.

WHAT OTHER MONSTERS ARE THEY MAKING IN HERE?

DO NOT OPEN
LIVE SPECIMEN

TARGET LOCATED!

SKRRT

IF YOU TURN YOURSELF OVER NOW I'LL MAKE SURE THEY GO EASY ON YOU THIS TIME.

C'MON, KID. YOU'VE GOT NOWHERE TO GO. THE WHOLE FACILITY IS LOCKED DOWN TIGHT.

WAIT! →COUGH← NO...

OH GOD! NO!

YES.

TWO MONTHS LATER.

WE CAN LOSE THEM IN THE ABANDONED BANK.

WE SHOULD KEEP GOING.

DAMN. THIS PLACE IS NO JOKE. WE COULD LIVE LIKE KINGS IN HERE.

AND QUEENS.

WE SHOULDN'T BE HERE.

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

"HAUNTED."

THIS PLACE... SOME OF THE KIDS AT THE SHELTER SAY IT'S HAUNTED.

THEY SAY A MONSTER LIVES HERE.

HAUNTED MEANS GHOSTS, NOT MONSTERS. ARE YOU PLAYIN' WITH THIS #$!% RIGHT NOW?

LET'S GET RID OF THEM.

THEY'RE HOMELESS KIDS. NOBODY WILL LOOK FOR THEM.

WE CAN EAT THEM.

I WISH WE LIVED HERE.

NO!

GAH!

YO, WHERE'D YOU JUST COME FROM?!

OH, HEY, SORRY. YOU LIVE HERE?

YES.

THAT'S AWESOME. THIS IS A SWEET SPOT. I'M KIDEN. THIS IS TATIANA, BOBBY AND THE SILENT ONE OVER THERE WE JUST CALL LI'L BRO.

SO IS IT JUST YOU HERE?

THIS ONE IS SO ANNOYING. JUST LET US EAT HER.

YOU CANNOT!

OKAAAY...

THEY KNOW TOO MUCH ABOUT US ALREADY. YOU CAN'T LET THEM LEAVE.

YOU SHOULD LEAVE.

GOOD IDEA.

I FEEL LIKE THAT COULD HAVE GONE BETTER.

IT COULDN'T HAVE GONE WORSE. SHE FREAKED ME OUT.

WELL, WELL. AIN'T *THIS* SOME #$@%?

OH, HEY, ZEBRA. WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT YOU.

HOPE YOU WERE TALKIN' 'BOUT HOW YOU GOT MY MONEY.

WELL...

RUN!

SLOW UP, BIG MAN!

LOOK, ZEBRA. ABOUT THE MONEY... WE DON'T HAVE IT RIGHT NOW, BUT I'M SURE WE CAN WORK SOMETHING OUT.

OR NOT.

ZEBRA, MAN, C'MON. DON'T MAKE YOUR BOY DO THIS...

WE DON'T LIKE SEEING PEOPLE HURT OTHER PEOPLE.

WHAT THE--

HELLO.

WHAT THE #$@% ARE YOU?

IT MAKES US SICK.

BUT IT'S ALL WE KNOW. WE ARE VENOM.

I'M LAURA.

YOU GONNA DIE, MONSTER.

SHHUFF

NO! DON'T!

AHHHH!

YOU DON'T NEED TO KILL HIM.

HE CALLED ME A MONSTER.

YOU JUST SAVED MY LIFE. SO I THINK I CAN SAFELY SAY HE WAS WRONG.

HE WASN'T.

BUT IT'S NICE TO HAVE SOMEONE WHO DIDN'T SEE ME THAT WAY.

EVEN THOUGH IT ISN'T TRUE.

WE ARE A MONSTER, AND THE MEN WHO MADE US STILL HUNT US.

I'VE NEVER BEEN CLOSE TO ANYONE. EVER.

BUT NOW I'VE MADE *FRIENDS.* AND BECAUSE OF THAT...

...WE ARE ALL IN DANGER.

WEEKS LATER.

AND HE SAYS HIS NAME IS *"THE VULTURE."*

NO WAY DID THAT HAPPEN, TATIANA.

IT DID SO.

DELI GROCERY

I DON'T GET IT.

IT'S NOT IMPORTANT, LAURA.

AND IT'S NOT TRUE.

SOMETIMES IT'S HARD BEING AROUND OTHERS.

IT'S TIME.

YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?

YES.

TATIANA, YOU STAY HERE WITH LI'L BRO.

BOBBY, LET'S DO IT.

IT FEELS WEIRD.

BUT IT'S A GOOD WEIRD.

WHUNK

CAN YOU HELP ME?

OH MY GOD. OKAY. CAN WE... LET'S GET YOU CLEANED UP INSIDE.

MY FRIENDS CARE ABOUT ME.

AND I LOOK OUT FOR THEM.

I HELP THEM GET THINGS WE ALL NEED TO SURVIVE.

ICECREAM

ICECREAM

GO! GO! GO!

HEY!

ALL KINDS OF THINGS.

APPREHENDED ONE OF THE KIDS.

LEMME GO, YA OLD PERV.

KIDEN NIXON, I JUST WANT TO ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS.

WE CAN DO THIS THE EASY WAY, OR--

LET'S DO IT THE HARD WAY!

THEY'RE CONTAMINATED! THE SYMBIOTE HAS SPREAD!

HAHAHA!

I THOUGHT IT LOOKED WORSE WHEN YOU FIRST RAN UP. WE'LL GET YOU CLEANED UP IN NO TIME, YOU'LL SEE.

Under 21 No Tabaco

ME AND MY KID BROTHER USED TO DO THIS TO EACH OTHER ALL THE TIME.

SNIFF

THEY'RE COMING FOR US.

SNIKT!

KIDEN, LET'S GO.

NO!

I SAID LET'S GO.

SUP

PUT YOUR HANDS IN THE AIR AND STEP AWAY FROM HIM!

I WON'T ASK AGA--

AGH!

KLAK

GO. NOW!

EVERYONE MOVE IN! REPEAT--

"--TAKE THEM ALL!"

I'VE TOLD THE KIDS A THOUSAND TIMES. WHEN THEY COME, YOU HIDE...

...OR YOU RUN.

CONTACT! CONTACT!

GAZZATT

YOU CAN'T FIGHT THEM.

THAT HER?!

NO. IT'S NOT OUR GIRL.

YOU MEAN US?

HENDERSON-- REPORT?

MOVING TO INVESTIGATE SHOTS FIRED ON FOUR. I--

SHUNK

ONE IN CUSTODY IN THE LOBBY.

STOP... STOP!

A FIGHT AGAINST *THE FACILITY* IS A FIGHT YOU *CAN'T WIN!*

PRIMARY TARGET X-23 CONFIRMED HEADED TOWARD BANK VAULT. WE'VE GOT 'EM CORNERED.

FWOOSHH

TAKE HER DOWN.

AHHH!

THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT MADE YOU, RIGHT?

YES.

AND NOW THEY'RE COMING FOR US, TOO?

SSHHHOOM

YES.

KUNG

AND THEY'RE NEVER GOING TO STOP, ARE THEY?

NO.

BURN THROUGH THE DOOR.

LAURA?!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

STAY BEHIND ME.

DON'T TAKE YOUR GIFT AWAY! WE NEED THEM!

ARRGH!

I MUST HAVE ALL OF ME BACK.

WE NEED TO BE *COMPLETE.*

I'M NOT DOING THIS!

WHAT'S HAPPENING! *NO,* DON'T GO!

SOMETHING'S PULLING ME!

FFWOOSH

YOU PROMISED YOU WOULD PROTECT US!

LAURA, PLEASE! HELP! HE--

THUMP!

WHOEVER YOU ARE, YOU WILL PAY FOR TAKING US FROM THEM...

TIME TO FORGET YOUR SCHOOLYARD FIGHTS...

...WE'VE GOT A *WAR* TO WIN.

TO BE CONTINUED...

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